House Resolution No. 531

Whereas, a period of three and one-half decades has passed since Carl R. "Bob" Burns so lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Dianne C. Merechek, during a solemn ceremony on March 25, 1967, at the Union Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Bob and Dianne Burns have had the pleasure of raising two fine sons, David Todd Burns and Michael Jason Burns, both of whom have brought great pride and happiness into the lives of their parents; and

Whereas, a longtime talented musician, Bob Burns has enjoyed recognition by working as a brewery driver with Grey Eagle Distributors, Anheuser Busch Products in St. Louis County; by being a member of Brewery Drivers Local 133, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and the Affton School Board; and by serving as an Alderman for the City of St. George, a Union Shop Steward, Cub Master for Cub Scout Pack 200, President of the Affton Fathers Club, Baseball Manager for the Affton Athletic Association, co-director of the Children's Church at First Baptist Church of Affton, Sunday school teacher, and staff member for Congressman Richard A. Gephardt; and

Whereas, an incredible wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Dianne Burns has further distinguished herself as a child care provider for thirty years, as a Den Mother for Cub Scout Pack 200, Sunday school teacher, former co-director of the Children's Department at First Baptist Church of Affton, and as a member of the Affton Mothers Club, the Music Boosters, and the Affton-White Rodgers Community Center; and

Whereas, during their thirty-five years together, this happy couple has kept burning the flame that they ignited their senior year in high school when Bob realized that Dianne was not only his "type", but the actual "key" to his success:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join the Honorable May Scheve in extending our most hearty congratulations to her dear friends, Bob and Dianne Burns, as they commemorate their Thirty-fifth Wedding Anniversary at Two Hearts Banquet Center in Sunset Hills and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Burns.

Offered by
I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 531, adopted February 28, 2002.
Jim Kreider, Speaker